

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-39, 56-62, and 66-68 were previously canceled.

Claims 46-52 and 63-65 are canceled herein.

No new matter has been added by the present amendments.

REMARKS

Claims 40-45, 53-55, and 69-70 are pending in the present application.

The rejection of Claims 46-52 and 63-65 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Abraham in view of Hsu, Ghai et al, and Yokozawa et al is obviated by amendment.

Applicants make no statement with respect to the propriety of this ground of rejection and in no way acquiesce to the same. Nonetheless, to expedite examination of Claims 40-45, 53-55, and 69-70, Applicants have canceled rejected Claims 46-52 and 63-65.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants request withdrawal of this ground of rejection.

The rejection of Claims 46 and 50 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Abraham is obviated by amendment.

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In view of the foregoing, Applicants request withdrawal of this ground of rejection.

The obviousness type-double patenting rejection of Claims 40-42, 63-65, 69, and 70 over Claims 1-11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,310,100 (apparently in view of Yokozawa et al) is obviated by submission of an executed Terminal Disclaimer. Applicants **submit herewith** a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c), disclaiming the terminal part of any patent granted on the above-captioned application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer of

U.S. Patent No. 6,310,100. Accordingly, Applicants believe that this ground of rejection is no longer at issue and should be withdrawn. Acknowledgement to this effect is requested.

The provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection of Claims 40-55, 63-65, 69, and 70 over Claims 1-6 of U.S. 11/209,672 is respectfully traversed.

The Office's records (see the Patent Information Retrieval System) for U.S. Application No. 11/209,672 show that this application was officially abandoned on October 20, 2006. Applicants directed the Office's attention to the same on page 10 of the response filed on February 26, 2007. However, this indication was not acknowledged. Applicants submit that the status of U.S. 11/209,672 has not changed and it remains in abandoned status. Therefore, this rejection should be withdrawn.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

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